

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/506,767 Confirmation No. 8104  
Applicant : Craig Link et al.  
Filed : 2/18/2000  
Title : System and Method for Producing Unique Account Names  
Group Art Unit : 3624  
Examiner : Debra F. Charles  
Docket No. : MFCP.68211  
Customer No. : 45809

**Via EFS-Web Submission**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

We, Craig A. Link, Nicholas Berry, and Dean M. Pachosa, declare that:

1. We are the inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the patent application identified above.
2. Prior to April 1, 1999, we had completed (conceived and reduced to practice) the invention as described and claimed in the subject application in the United States, as evidenced by the following:
  - a. Prior to April 1, 1999, after we had earlier conceived the idea of producing unique account names as described and claimed in the subject application, the invention was coded and included in the 1999 Week 13 river release of the MSN Gaming Zone, an online gaming service.
  - b. A copy of a "bug" that tracked the 1999 Week 13 river release of the MSN Gaming Zone is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Our product team had a weekly release system for the MSN Gaming zone, which was called "The River". The schedule was set

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by numerical week. As shown in Exhibit A, the "Fix By" date was "13 WK," which stands for week 13. In 1999, week 13 was Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. As also shown in Exhibit A, the "bug" was closed as shipped and verified on "the river" on March 24, 1999.

3. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

ID 3938  
Title security db - sp\_get\_member\_id needs to provide more useful suggestions  
Path \Infrastructure\SQL Server\Security

Bug ID --  
3938  
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Status --  
Status Closed  
Assigned to Closed  
Issue type Work Item  
Severity 2  
Priority 1  
Date 7/29/2002  
By jessmc  
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Opened --  
Date 3/17/1999  
By craigli  
Build 00.00.00.0000  
How found Act of the Mighty Craig  
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Resolved --  
Date 3/17/1999  
By craigli  
Resolution Fixed  
Build 00.00.00.0000  
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Closed --  
Date 3/24/1999  
By kevinmcp  
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Project --  
Fix By 13 WK MA  
Release Content  
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Estimates --  
Project\_ Content  
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Description --  
7/25/2002 6:26 PM Upgraded from ZonePlatform - bug 3938 by kevinmcp (PS Administrators) (Bug 3938 - Zone Bugs)  
===== Opened by craigli on 03/17/99; AssignedTo = craigli; Priority = 1 =====  
since the change to support the Z6 names suggestions from the DB point of view is easily plugable into the river we should release it asap.

The changes require adding 2 new tables to the security db for the adj and noun suggestions. Additionally, the sp\_get\_member\_id sp is modified to take advantage of these tables.

===== Resolved Fixed by craigli in 00.00.00.0000 on 03/17/99; AssignedTo = kevinmcp =====  
===== Closed by kevinmcp on 03/24/99; AssignedTo = Closed =====  
verified on the river  
7/26/2002 4:18 AM Edited by jessmc  
7/26/2002 7:50 AM Edited by jessmc  
7/29/2002 2:59 PM Edited by jessmc